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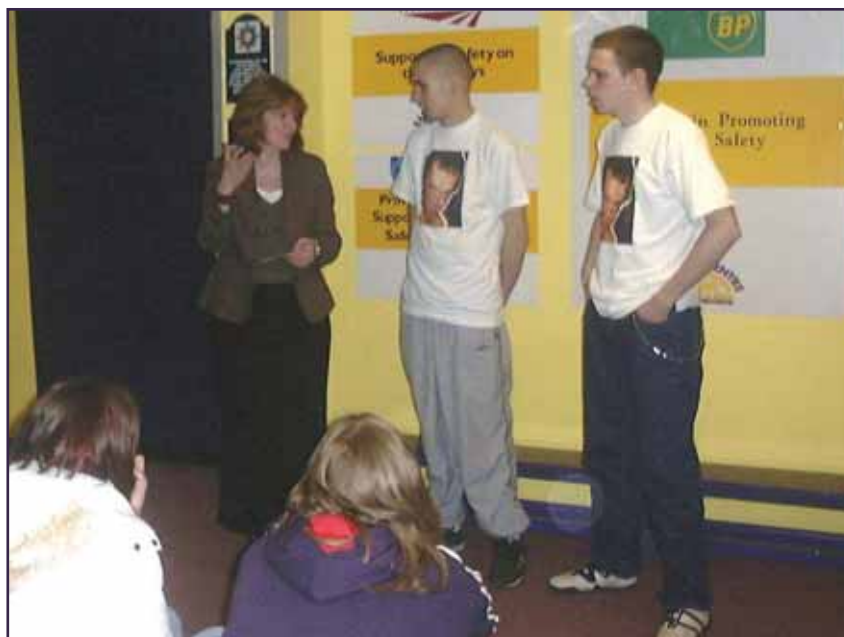
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NEWS IN BRIEF

TWO Year 6 pupils from Heronsgate School have become the first pupils to achieve 20 out of 20 in our Evaluation Programme six-month post quiz. The boys were presented with a certificate by our Schools Liaison Staff.

THE Safety Centre has been Highly Commended for its work in the field of Road Safety Education by the Institute of Highways and Transportation in the IHT/BP Bitumen Reducing Child Accidents Road Safety Award 2005/6.

WE have received a Cooperative Community Dividend Award of £1,300 to assist with additional training for our volunteer guides who show the children around the Safety Centre.



Jan Alder, Director of the Safety Centre, with members of the Jonathans Project, which raised £640 in memory of Scott Ellis with a sponsored walk. See the story on the right.

Don't miss our FREE open day!

DON'T miss our free summer holiday open day on Sunday 20 August!

It takes place at the Safety Centre in Carters Lane, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes, from 10am to 4pm.

There will be opportunities for public to view the Safety Centre, and attractions will include a fire engine, displays, the Institute of

Advanced Motorists, Welephant, Spike the Hedgehog (pictured below with MP Phyllis Starkey at last year's open day) and CPR demonstrations.

Children can take part in a Safety Treasure Hunt and win a prize, and adults in the family can also test their safety knowledge!

We'll be supported by Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service and Thames Valley Police.

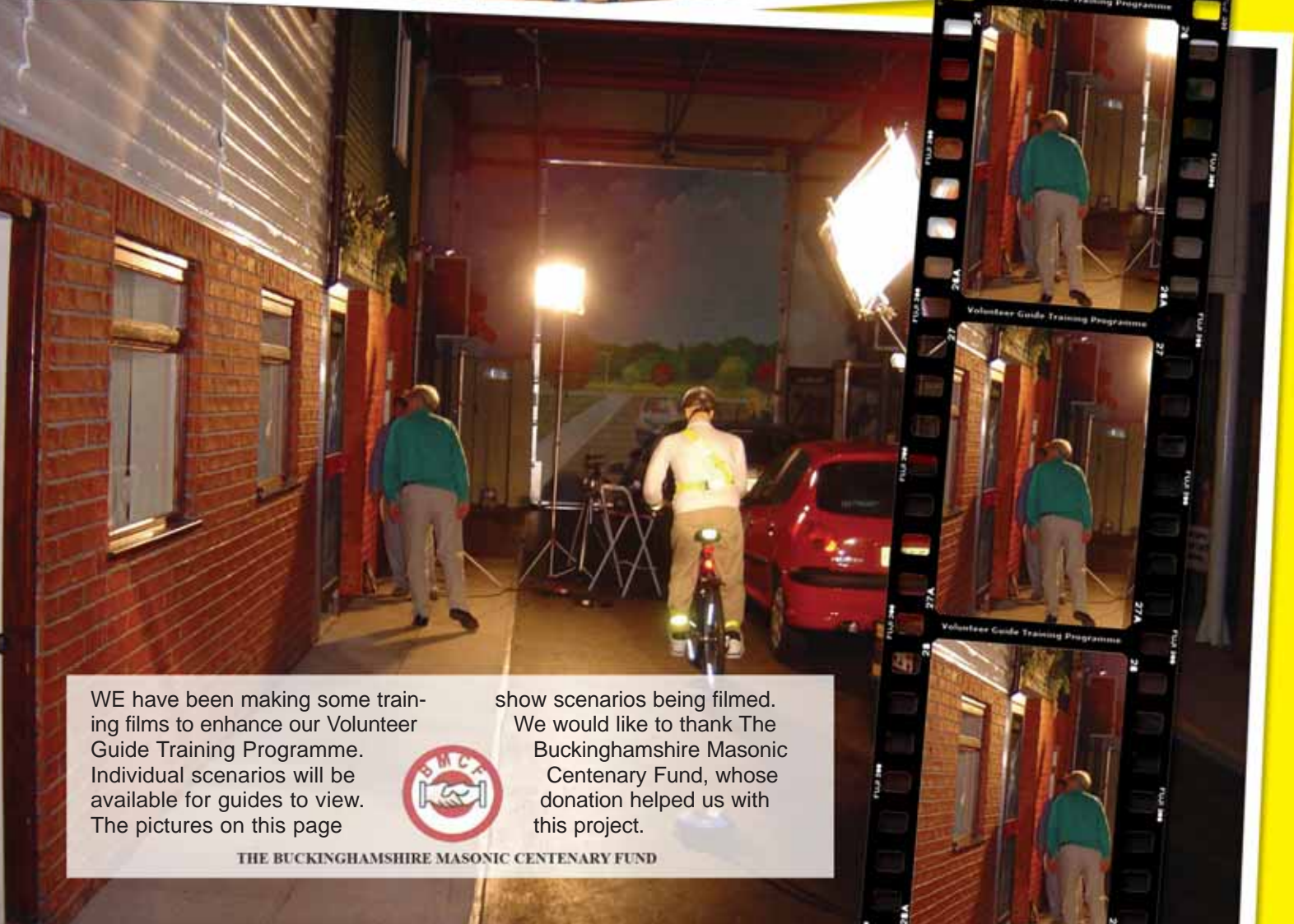


Walkers raise £640 in Scott's memory

FRIENDS and family of Scott Ellis, who was killed in a road accident, took part in the Jonathans Project sponsored walk in his memory and raised over £640 for the Safety Centre. We would like to thank them very much for this donation.

We would also like to thank Network Rail for their continued support, which helps us to deliver important rail safety messages emphasising the consequences of trespass and vandalism.

Once again, BP have generously supported our garage scenario which not only makes the children aware of safe behaviour on a garage forecourt, but also educates the children regarding proper use of seatbelts. Our thanks go to them for their help.



The scenes that the children took part in were very realistic and made them stop and think about everyday situations that they find themselves in.

I know that it has had a positive, helpful effect on them already. On the coach on the way home the children were counting, with great disgust, the examples of graffiti we passed. They had been unnoticed on the way there!

As with last year, the guides who worked with each group of children were brilliant. They obviously know exactly how to relate to the children and how to hold their attention throughout, which for two hours is no mean feat.

RIGHT: Hamilton Primary School

A big thank-you to all the guides and helpers. The children really love this visit and will talk about it for the next 2 years (until they move to secondary school). They learn so much from you all and certainly remember the messages you have told them.

LEFT: St Cuthbert Mayne RC School

The visit prepares children for secondary school and more independent behaviour in a practical way that could not be achieved as well in school.

RIGHT: Hazelwood School

Children really enjoyed the experience - staff were all impressed with organisation and scenarios. It almost feels like they are the most important things we teach them all year - huge thanks to all your volunteers, it is so worthwhile.

Teachers say 'well done'

IN the last edition of Newsflash (right), we heard some of the positive things children who had been to the Safety Centre had to say about it.

This time it's the turn of the

adults who accompany them. Teachers are invited to fill in an evaluation form after a visit, and many also send letters of thanks. We have reproduced a number of extracts on this page.



Anything that makes children think about their safety and the safety of others is always a good thing and your set-ups at Hazard Alley have really opened their eyes.

Quite a few of them have commented that prior to their visit they would not have known what was the appropriate response to the situations they encountered but that now they did.

RIGHT: Abbeys Primary School

The children all found the event enjoyable and a valuable experience. They recognised that their experiences at Hazard Alley could protect them from danger. Some children said how realistic some of the scenes were!

LEFT: Leverstock Green C of E Primary

As one of the supervisors I found your staff very interesting, patient and helpful. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day and were talking about it most of the 2 hour journey back to Ipswich.

The visit highlighted different aspects of safety and linked well with a forthcoming visit to Stoke Mandeville Hospital for the Injury Minimisation Programme for Schools.

RIGHT: Larchcroft School

We found the situations you have set up very true to real life - it certainly has got the children thinking. We had heard about you from friends that had been with a group and said it was worth going and hope to return again soon.

All of us year 6 staff are equally grateful for your dedication to the schools in Milton Keynes.

LEFT: Whitchurch Combined School

LEFT: Bradwell Village School

It has been a fantastic opportunity for the development of our pupils to encounter first hand experiences of the health and safety issues they do and will face in their own lives.

RIGHT: Oxley Park Primary School

This has been a valuable and very practical experience for the children - it has built on their own everyday experiences. Difficult situations were handled sensitively.

WE have been making some training films to enhance our Volunteer Guide Training Programme. Individual scenarios will be available for guides to view. The pictures on this page show scenarios being filmed. We would like to thank The Buckinghamshire Masonic Centenary Fund, whose donation helped us with this project.



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Course dates for the rest of the year

JULY

3 Appointed Persons Course (*one-day course*)
6-7 Refresher Course (*two-day course*)
13-14 & 17-18 First Aid at Work (*four-day course*)
20 Appointed Persons Course
21 Introduction to Health and Safety (*one-day course*)

AUGUST

15-18 First Aid at Work
23 Introduction to Health and Safety
24 Appointed Persons Course
29 Appointed Persons Course
30-31 Refresher Course

SEPTEMBER

1 Appointed Persons Course
4-5 Refresher Course
7-8 & 11-12 First Aid at Work
15 Appointed Persons Course
23 & 30 Paediatric First Aid Course

OCTOBER

3 Appointed Persons Course
5-6 Refresher Course
12-13 & 16-17 First Aid at Work
23 Appointed Persons Course

NOVEMBER

6 Appointed Persons Course
9-10 & 13-14 First Aid at Work
21-22 Refresher Course
28 Appointed Persons Course

DECEMBER

1 Appointed Persons Course
2 & 9 Paediatric First Aid Course
6-7 Refresher Course
11 Appointed Persons Course
14-15 & 18-19 First Aid at Work

Update on adult training

AS well as our First Aid Courses we are now able to offer the following Health and Safety Courses:

- One-day Introduction to Health and Safety – 21 July and 23 August 2006
- Half-day Risk Assessment – dates to be advised

- Half-day Manual Handling – dates to be advised

To find out more about these courses or if you would like to book a place, please contact Barbara Cherryman on **01908 263009** or email her at info@safetycentre.co.uk



Club donates £5,000 to the Safety Centre

FOLLOWING the closure of Tesco's Kiln Farm depot, the social club was also disbanded, their funds being distributed among local charities.

We would like to thank all the members of the Kiln Farm Social Club for their generous donation of £5,000 to the Safety Centre and wish them all well for the future.

The presentation of the cheque is pictured above.

HOLIDAY VISITS

DON'T forget, there is always an opportunity for out-of-school clubs, brownies, playschemes and other organisations, to visit the Safety Centre in the Summer holidays. Please ring 01908 263009 for availability.

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and donations. The Safety Centre is very much a partnership venture which only works because of the invaluable support from the community as well as a team of dedicated staff.

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